(b) whether it is also a fact that since then the compiling of figures has been discontinued; if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) in the absence of such compilation, how the comparative positions of rural and urban per capita incomes are processed and known and checks are planned for growth of disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir Corresponding ratios for different States and Union Territories were, however, not compiled.

(b) No, Sir. For preparation of rural and urban incomes separately, detailed data on number workers in these two areas are required, which become available from population census only once in 10 years. The rural urban per capita income ratio was compiled by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) for the first time for the year 1970-71 after the release of results pertaining to working force based on 1971 Population Census. Similar exercise is proposed to be initiated for the year 1980-81 on the basis of working force estimates based on 20 per cent sample which have become available recently from 1981 Population Census.

(c) In the absence of estimates of per capita income separately for rural and urban areas, the comparisons and checks between the rural and urban disparity are planned on the basis of the results of consumer expenditure surveys of the National Sample Survey Organisation.

The rate of Contributory Provident Fund

3634. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the pensionary benefits of the Government servants revised since 1st March, 1977;

(b) the time since when the present rate of Contributory Provident Fund was revised;

(c) whether the present rate of pension corresponds with the rate of Contributory Provident Fund; and

(d) whether there is any proposals to revise the rate of Contributory Provident Fund; if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN ENGTI): (a) Pensionary benefits have undergone changes five times since March 1, 1977.

(b) The present rate of contribution to the Contributory Provident Fund was fixed on 1st September, 1957

(c) There is no co-relation between the present rate of pension and that of the contribution under the Contributory Provident Fund.

(d) No, Sir.

Training Programmes for Officers

3635. SHRI AJIT P. K JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the training imparted to the I.A.S officers and other administrators does not suit the Indian milieu and it also does not prepare them to deal effectively with the new challenges and also to cope up with the expectations and aspirations of the Indian people; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to make their training more purposeful and more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The training imparted to the members of the IAS and other administrators is specially designed keep-

ing in mind the conditions in which they work and has followed the relevant guidelines laid down in the Reports of Commissions and Committees like the Administrative Reforms Commission, Parliamentary Estimates Committee and Kothari Committee in this regard. Refinements in the course content, curriculum and pedagogy are also done on an on going basis.

(b) In his broadcast to the nation in January, 1985 the Prime Minister referred to the need to restructure civil service training at all levels to develop competence and committment to the basic values of our society As a follow up measure cadre training plans have been drawn up for IAS officers at 3 stages in their career dealing with Programme Implementation, Management Concepts and Decision Making and Policy Planning and Analysis respectively. These training programmes take into account the new challenges and the expectations and aspirations of Indian people Similar training plans have also been drawn up by several other Cadre Controlling Authorities and are under implementation.

Nuclearisation of the Indian Ocean

3636. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state·

(a) whether India have taken up the issue of nuclearisation of the Indian Ocean with U S A ; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH)· (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has not been possible so far to achieve the denuclearisation of the Indian Ocean.

Rules for recognition of Union|Federations

3637. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence have framed and implemented any fresh rules for giving recognitions to the Unions| Federations, other than the rules enumerated under CPRO 63|59;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for which Unions|Federations, which are fulfilling the conditions of recognition as per CPRO 63|59, are not being granted recognition; and

(c) whether Bhartiya Pratiraksha Mazdoor Sangh, an all India Federation of Defence Workers whose membership is duly verified by the Ministry of Labour for the year 1980, is not fulfilling the conditions of recognistion; if so, what are the reasons for which the Federation has been asked to complete the formalities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Since new recognition rules are being formulated by the Department of Personnel & Training, it has been decided to accord recognition to new Unions|Federations after these rules become available, in the interests of uniformity.

(c) The question of grant of recognition to the Bhartiya Pratiraksha Mazdoor Sangh would be decided after the new recognition rules became available.

Pak threat to go Nuclear

3638. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times. dated the 17th November, 1987 under